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TITLE:

Muteins of Interleukin-4 Showing Low-Affinity and Short-Term

Interaction with the Common Gamma Chain

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper and any papers referred to as attached is/are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage, as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C 20231 on this 23 Edday of 10 2001

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the Patent Office on June 21, 2001.

## Remarks

Restriction of the claims to one invention for purposes of prosecution is required. Restriction between Group I, including claims 1-4 and drawn to proteins, and Group II, including claims 5-8 and drawn to nucleic acids, vectors, cells and a process for producing a protein, is required. Applicant hereby elects with traverse the claims of Group I. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the unelected subject matter in a latter application.

Applicant believes that the subject matter of the pending claims is patentable and that the instant application should accordingly be allowed. If the Examiner believes that a conversation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (203) 812-3964.

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